

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 26, 1985

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Public Works Road Supervisors.

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Call for Bids - One New Special Purpose Passenger Vehicle.
2. Final Order of Vacation - South Shore Road.
3. Resolution - Authorizing Sale of Motor Vehicle.
4. Signature - Contract for Acoustical Treatment on Jail.
5. Signature - Amended Winter Road Restriction Ordinance.
6. Update Report - Road Jurisdiction Committee Study.
7. Update Report - Solid Waste Grant.
8. Miscellaneous Items.

10:30 a.m. Status Report - Sedro Woolley Senior Center - Mayor Walley.

11:00 a.m. Discussion - County Clerk's Office - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 1:30 p.m.
1. Discussion - Financing of Improvements at Inman Landfill.
  2. Consideration of Agreement to Retain Bond Financial Advisor.
  3. Consideration of Resolution to Retain Bond Counsel.

ANACORTES COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL, ANACORTES, WASHINGTON

3:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Establishment of Speed Limit for Guemes Island Road.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 26, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Call for Bids - One New Special Purpose Passenger Vehicle.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to issue a Call for Bid for one new 1985 special purpose four-wheel drive vehicle for the Planning Department's use. Commissioner

Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.  
(Resolution #10416)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 1985.

2. Final Order of Vacation - South Shore Road.

The Board approved for signature a Final Order of Vacation for South Shore Road.

3. Resolution - Authorizing Sale of Motor Vehicle.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of a 1963 Dodge pickup truck to Explorer Search & Rescue Post #6. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10417)

4. Signature - Contract for Acoustical Treatment on Jail.

The Board approved for signature the Agreement with Audio Acoustics, Inc., for acoustical treatment of the Skagit County Jail in the amount of \$20,852.

5. Signature - Amended Winter Road Restriction Ordinance.

Gene Sampley explained there was a technical error on the original Winter Road Restriction Ordinance previously signed by the Board.

Therefore, Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution rescinding Ordinance #10396 and amending Sections 11.20.020 and 11.20.050 of the Skagit County Code. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10418)

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the ordinance amending Sections 11.20.020 and 11.20.050 of the Skagit County Code pertaining to load restrictions. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Ordinance #10419)

6. Update Report - Road Jurisdiction Committee Study.

Gene Sampley reviewed with the Board the results of the Road Jurisdiction Committee Study in our region. He indicated that Phase II of the study is the evaluation of the cost impact of these actions, and will follow most likely in the second half of 1985. Any transfers resulting from the overall study would occur in 1986.

7. Update Report - Solid Waste Grant.

Gene Sampley advised the Board that Skagit County will be offered a solid waste grant totaling approximately \$203,500 for items that were not contested by the Department of Ecology (DOE) on a recent grant application. He stated that other items are subject to negotiation, and presented the Board with a memo informing which items these are.

Mr. Sampley stated that he expects a contract from DOE by April 8, 1985.

8. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution approving the Agreement between Skagit County and Kitsap Transit for the purchase of radio communications equipment as provided in the Intergovernmental Purchasing Agreement between Kitsap County Transit and Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10420)
- b. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve an out-of-state travel authorization for Dan Cain to attend a fire training seminar in Vancouver, B.C., on March 27, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- c. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve an out-of-state travel authorization for Gene Sampley to attend a Strategic Highway Research Program Advisory Committee on bridge protection in Washington, D.C., on May 9, and 10, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
- d. The Board was presented with the Engineer's Report on the establishment of a speed limit for Guemes Island Road, which will be reviewed in a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. today in the Anacortes Council Chambers.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following miscellaneous items:

1. The Board approved for signature a Contract between Skagit County and Catholic Community Services Northwest for the purpose of providing mental health services within the County, effective January 1, through December 31, 1985. (Contract #3820-38143)

2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #37386 through #37436 in the amount of \$202,461.08. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-9)

STATUS REPORT - SEDRO WOOLLEY SENIOR CENTER - Mayor Walley.

Mayor Don Walley, of Sedro Woolley, thanked Chairman Vaux for volunteering his labor last Saturday on the construction of the Sedro Woolley Senior Center. He stated that the center is approximately \$55,700 short of the money needed for completion.

Eric Stendal, project treasurer, explained how the additional money would be spent. He pointed out that Tim Holloran, Senior Services Supervisor, work has obtained grants for many of the kitchen fixtures. Mr. Stendal stated that the total actual cost of the center will be \$34,000 to \$35,000 above the original \$333,000 estimate.

Discussion followed regarding specific areas of construction.

Mr. Stendal stated that the flooring material in the auditorium could be changed to vinyl, thereby saving approximately \$8,500.

In answer to a question from Mike Woodmansee, Skagit County Budget and Finance Director, Mr. Stendal suggested that if the money could not be found elsewhere, possibly the center could be finished with the help of an interfund loan.

Mayor Walley suggested that square foot areas of the center could be sold as a fund raising event.

The Board thanked all for attending the discussion.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Clerk.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen informed the Board of the staffing situation in the Clerk's Office beginning in 1983. Because of the addition of a third courtroom and a change in court rules, additional work has been created for the existing staff to handle.

Ms. Coole-McKeehen stated that the processing of passports is detracting from the time available for other work, although the processing of passports is one area which actually produces revenue for the County. She presented the Board with copies of her statistic worksheets for further review.

Ms. Coole-McKeehen recommended that the solution would be the addition of one full-time Office Assistant II.

The Board stated that they would review the situation more thoroughly prior to contacting Ms. Coole-McKeehen in several weeks regarding a possible solution.

1. DISCUSSION - FINANCING OF IMPROVEMENTS AT INMAN LANDFILL.
2. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT TO RETAIN BOND FINANCIAL ADVISOR.
3. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO RETAIN BOND COUNSEL.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, stated that he had not heard from Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman, an interested bond counsel, and Ruth Wylie, Skagit County Treasurer was still on vacation.

Commissioner Walberg therefore motioned to continue the above listed discussions until 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that he would like to see the Board adopt a resolution describing the landfill expansion project and acknowledging possible options, such as selling bonds, creating an interfund loan or using cash on hand.

The Board agreed with this suggestion, and stated they hope to obtain additional grant money for the project.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, was present to request the Board schedule a meeting with Drainage Districts #14, #16 and #25, Gene Sampley, and him. The Board scheduled this matter for Wednesday, April 3, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.
2. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution approving the Agreement between Skagit County and Kitsap Transit for the purchase of radio communications equipment. (Resolution #10420)
3. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution rescinding Ordinance #10396 and amending Sections 11.20.020 and 11.20.050 of the Skagit County Code (Winter Road Restriction Ordinance). (Resolution #10418)
4. The Board granted approval for Judy Littlefield of the Cooperative Extension Office to take a County car home Friday night, March 29, 1985, as she is attending a meeting in Bellingham at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 1, 1985. She will return the car on Tuesday, April 2, 1985.

PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF SPEED LIMIT FOR GUEMES ISLAND ROAD.

Commissioners Vaux and Walberg were present in the Anacortes Council Chambers for this meeting. Commissioner Rohrer was absent.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on March 15, and 22, 1985.

John Rumsey, Traffic Safety Engineer, located the area of Guemes Island Road which was petitioned for the speed reduction. He reviewed the Engineer's Report and noted that there have been no reported accidents from 1982 to 1984. He stated that the recommendation of the Public Works Department was to deny the request to lower the speed limit from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. because this road is heavily traveled by ferry traffic and setting unreasonably low speed limits leads to conscious law breaking and general disregard for all traffic signs.

Mr. Rumsey stated that the general concern is for the sight distance limitations on the Community Hall entrance caused by the short vertical curve just north of it. He explained the warning devices in place in that area, and stated that a 20 m.p.h. plaque attached to the "Limited Sight Distance" warning sign and rumble stripping to draw the drivers' attention to the warning signs are scheduled for installation this summer.

Richard Houghton, the lead petitioner, stated that he lives across from the Community Hall on Guemes Island Road. He stated that many children and senior citizens use the Community Hall and church.

Chairman Vaux read a letter from Mr. Houghton into the record.

Commissioner Walberg stated that he understood Mr. Houghton's request, but agreed with the recommendation of the Public Works Department regarding the planned improvements for safety. Commissioner Walberg motioned to deny the reduction of speed limit on Guemes Island Road, as recommended by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Houghton pointed out that a residential area on the north beach of Guemes Island has a 25 m.p.h. speed limit.

Mr. Rumsey explained that less through traffic uses the north beach road, as compared to the area petitioned which is used by ferry traffic.

Chairman Vaux seconded the motion to deny the reduction of speed limit. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Chairman Vaux asked Mr. Houghton to contact Skagit County if the planned improvements to the Guemes Island Road are not satisfactory warning for that area.

ADJOURNMENT

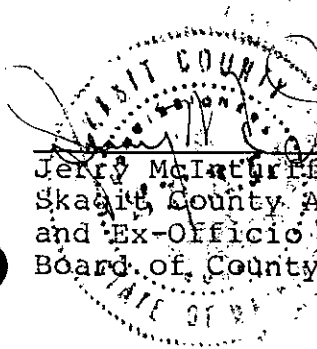
Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


ATTEST:



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W. W. Vaux, Chairman



  
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Jerry McIntire  
Skagit County Auditor  
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners



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Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner